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**RE: Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP)
Program Notification Letter**

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Provider,

The Immunization Unit of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) would like to notify you about a change to site visits that are conducted at private providers enrolled in the TVFC Program.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched a nationally new Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Program that requires implementation by the TVFC Program.

Beginning in October, DSHS and our quality assurance contractors will no longer pull patient immunization records during a site review for coverage level assessment. Instead, your vaccination coverage rates will be assessed based on the immunization records you report into the Texas Immunization Registry, ImmTrac2.

The purpose of IQIP is to promote and support the implementation of provider-level quality improvement strategies. IQIP strategies are designed to support health care providers in identifying opportunities to increase vaccine uptake in adherence with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended routine immunization schedule and improve service delivery.

Texas law requires all medical providers to report all immunizations administered to clients who are under 18 years of age to ImmTrac2. The IQIP Program will assist in determining your site's success at meeting this requirement, while at the same time assessing your vaccination coverage.

Your IQIP consultant will continue to provide you with your childhood (4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, Up-to-date (UTD) Hib, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 Varicella, UTD PCV) and your adolescent (1 Tdap, 1 MCV, and UTD HPV) vaccination coverage rates during the

IQIP site visit. Your vaccination coverage will be assessed on all your patients that are reported in ImmTrac2 by your site. In addition, your IQIP consultant will provide you with an IQIP plan that will include two quality improvement strategies, ImmTrac2 resources, and supporting action items to be implemented by you and your staff. Once this portion of the site visit is completed, the consultant will transition into the TVFC Compliance site visit where your vaccine management plan, eligibility screening protocols, and vaccine storage and handling practices will be reviewed.

After the initial IQIP site visit, follow-up activities will be scheduled and conducted by your responsible entity (RE) at 2-months and 6-months when your RE will call to see how well your IQIP quality improvement plan is working. At 12-months, another follow-up call will be conducted by your RE to reassess your vaccination coverage rates. Upon completion of the 12-month follow-up, your IQIP site visit will be finished for the year. Your RE is responsible for overseeing TVFC Program requirements in your jurisdiction and will provide technical assistance as needed.

The ImmTrac2 Interoperability Team is prepared and ready to work closely with you to address and resolve any electronic health record reporting and data exchange issues identified. There are a number of resources being developed by the Immunization Unit that will be available to you to assist in your efforts to improve immunization reporting into ImmTrac2.

You will be informed in advance if your site has been selected for an IQIP site visit this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your RE. Thank you for your continued commitment in assisting DSHS with eliminating the spread of vaccine preventable diseases by increasing vaccine coverage for Texans.

Thank you,

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07	HSR 7	254-778-6744
08	HSR 8	210-949-2067
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